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Honorable Walter D. Huddleston, Chairman
Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, Vice Chairman
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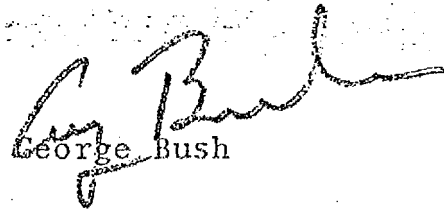
Dear Sirs:

This is in response to your letter of 10 August concerning your Subcommittee's study relating to the authority for intelligence activities. I wish to assure you of my intent to provide our full cooperation to you in this endeavor, and we look forward to working with your Subcommittee in its important undertaking.

In view of my overall responsibilities for Intelligence Community matters, I consider it essential that I be actively involved across-the-board with legislative proposals affecting any element of the Community. This embraces not only legislative proposals relating directly to the Director of Central Intelligence, the Intelligence Community Staff and the Central Intelligence Agency, but also the proposals which would deal with the intelligence elements of the various departments and agencies of the Community.

Since various elements of my staff will be involved in this matter, I am designating my Legislative Counsel, George L. Cary, to be the focal point for the Subcommittee to assure that our mutual needs are met. I have designated Major General Jack E. Thomas, Special Assistant to my Deputy for the

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Intelligence Community, to work with your Subcommittee in
conjunction with Mr. Cary on matters involving my Community
responsibilities. If you consider any additional arrangements
with other Community organizations are needed I will be happy
to assist with such.


George Bush